



August 25, 2023

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Re: K231872

Trade/Device Name: Polaris Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator System

Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.4400

Regulation Name: Electrosurgical cutting and coagulation device and accessories

Regulatory Class: Class II

Product Code: GEI

Dated: June 23, 2023

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Dear Mr. Prario:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. Although this letter refers to your product as a device, please be aware that some cleared products may instead be combination products. The 510(k) Premarket Notification Database located at <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfpmn/pmn.cfm> identifies combination product submissions. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration. Please note: CDRH does not evaluate information related to contract liability warranties. We remind you, however, that device labeling must be truthful and not misleading.

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statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); medical device reporting (reporting of medical device-related adverse events) (21 CFR 803) for devices or postmarketing safety reporting (21 CFR 4, Subpart B) for combination products (see <https://www.fda.gov/combination-products/guidance-regulatory-information/postmarketing-safety-reporting-combination-products>); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820) for devices or current good manufacturing practices (21 CFR 4, Subpart A) for combination products; and, if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

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For comprehensive regulatory information about medical devices and radiation-emitting products, including information about labeling regulations, please see Device Advice (<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance>) and CDRH Learn (<https://www.fda.gov/training-and-continuing-education/cdrh-learn>). Additionally, you may contact the Division of Industry and Consumer Education (DICE) to ask a question about a specific regulatory topic. See the DICE website (<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/contact-us-division-industry-and-consumer-education-dice>) for more information or contact DICE by email ([DICE@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:DICE@fda.hhs.gov)) or phone (1-800-638-2041 or 301-796-7100).

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)  
K231872

Device Name  
Polaris Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator System

Indications for Use (Describe)

General-purpose solid-state bipolar generator used to supply High Frequency currents via electrosurgical handpieces for the function of cutting or coagulating soft body tissues where a wide range of tissue types, patient conditions, and load impedances are encountered.

Type of Use (Select one or both, as applicable)

Prescription Use (Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

Over-The-Counter Use (21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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**K231872**  
**510(k) Summary**  
**Polaris™ Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator System**

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**C. Device Name**

Trade Name:	Polaris Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator System
Common/Usual Name:	Electrical Surgical Unit (ESU) / Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator
Classification Name:	Electrosurgical Cutting and Coagulation Device and Accessories
Product Code:	GEI - 21 CFR §878.4400

**D. Predicate Device(s)**

Trade Name:	Aura 70-Watt Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator
Common/Usual Name:	Electrical Surgical Unit (ESU) / Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator
Classification Name:	Electrosurgical cutting and coagulation device and accessories
Product Code:	GEI
Predicate 510(k)	K052203 (substantial equivalence date October 20, 2005)
Reference 510 (k)s	Karl Storz (K123956)

**E. Device Description**

The proposed Polaris™ Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator System includes a Generator as the main console, a Footswitch, an Irrigation Module, and a Light Source Module. The Generator contains a single bipolar channel for delivery with an electrode applying the energy to the patient. The Irrigation Module connects to tubing that allows fluid to be delivered to the surgical site to allow for clearing of debris from the surgical field. The Light Source Module connects to an optical fiber that supplies illumination to the surgical site to assist with surgeon visualization. The Footswitch is used to control the delivery of RF energy to the patient with one switch for Coagulate and one for Cut power. The Generator includes 4

Module ports for controlling and powering the Modules. The Modules each have built in cords to connect to these ports on the Generator. The Modules mount to the top of the Generator using a locking rail system so that they will not accidentally come loose during use. The Irrigation Module includes an IV pole that attaches to the Generator to support a saline bag that supplies the irrigation fluid.

#### F. Indications for Use

The proposed Polaris™ Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator has the following Indications for Use:

- *The Polaris™ Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator is a general-purpose solid-state bipolar generator used to supply High Frequency currents via electrosurgical handpieces for the function of cutting or coagulating soft body tissues where a wide range of tissue types, patient conditions, and load impedances are encountered.*

#### G. Summary of Similarities and Differences in Technological Characteristics and Performance

The proposed Polaris™ Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator is substantially equivalent to the Aura 70-watt Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator. When compared to the predicate, the proposed Polaris™ Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator have similar materials, design, components, fundamental technology, and operating principles and the same indications for use. The modifications from the predicate device include: power and control connections for modules, capacitive touch screen over a resistive touch screen, dual waveform generation, expanded User Interface, and downloadable system diagnostic logs. These similarities and differences are illustrated in the following table.

Comparison of Proposed Polaris™ Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator And Predicate Aura 70-Watt Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator		
Characteristic(s)	Proposed Device: Polaris™ Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator (K231872)	Predicate Device: Aura 70-watt Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator (K052203)
Indications for Use	General-purpose solid-state bipolar generator used to supply High Frequency currents via electrosurgical handpieces for the function of cutting or coagulating soft body tissues where a wide range of tissue types, patient conditions, and load impedances are encountered.	General-purpose solid-state bipolar generator to supply RF signal to electrosurgical handpieces used on soft body tissue where a wide range of tissue types, patient conditions, and load impedances are encountered. Where applicable a peristaltic irrigation pump controls flow rate individually or simultaneously while coagulating.
<b>Hardware</b>		
Output	Bipolar	Bipolar
Number of Outputs	One	One
Physical Dimensions (HxWxD) (cm)	38.1 x 19.2 x 38.4	17.8 x 29.2 x 31.8
Weight in lbs.	14.64	15
Maximum Output Voltage (V <sub>rms</sub> )	160	200
Rated Load (ohms)	150	200
Frequency Output Range (kHz)	465.1	512
Power Outage Range (W)	0-80 (CUT Waveform) 0-60 (COAG Waveform)	0-70
Housing Material	Anodized aluminum, Teal	Anodized Aluminum, Grey

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Electrical Input	100-240V <sub>rms</sub> , 50/60Hz	90-240VAC, 50/60Hz
Irrigating Pump	Polaris Irrigation Module	Maxon 40mm Peristaltic Pump
Max Irrigation Flow Rate (mL/min)	25	50
Light Source	Polaris Light Source Module	Not Present
Screen	Capacitive Touch Screen	Kyocera Resistive Touch Screen
<b>Software/UI</b>		
CPU Software	Proprietary to RBC Medical Innovations	Merisc Custom
Control Board Software	Proprietary to RBC Medical Innovations	Supplied by IBBAB
Amplifier Software	Proprietary to RBC Medical Innovations	Proprietary to IBBAB
Error History	Yes	Not present
Service Mode	Yes	Not present
Downloadable System Logs	Yes	Not present
Output time Tracking	Yes	Yes
Available Output Units	Max-Watts/ESU	Watts/ESU
<b>Accessories</b>		
Foot Pedal	Dual Simple Switches	Simple Switch
Bipolar Surgical Tools	Yes	Yes
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Patient Contact	No	No
Sterilization Method	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Preventative Maintenance	Yearly Function Checks	Yearly Function Checks
Changing b/w Watts and ESU	In Settings Menu via UX	Internal Hardware Jumper

## **H. Performance Data**

### **Thermal Effects on Tissue**

In accordance with the FDA Guidance on 510(k) Submissions for Electrosurgical Devices for General Surgery, a comparative tissue coagulation evaluation was performed between the proposed device and the predicate (Engineering Report E070723-1).

Test Scope: The testing was performed using one Aura Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator and one Polaris Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator. Both units were tested with the same bipolar forceps sample part on the same tissue samples and were operated at the same output settings.

3 Types of Sample Test Tissue (Bovine):

- Liver Tissue
- Kidney Tissue
- Muscle Tissue

Acceptance Criteria: To be considered acceptable, the results of this testing will demonstrate that the coagulation sites of both generators are substantially equivalent when set to the same output settings. This includes the physical measurement of the coagulation site, as well as the relative temperature increase while bipolar output was active. All physical measurements and temperature changes should fit within an acceptable range utilizing a  $\pm 20\%$  tolerance.

Test Conclusion: Based on the results and rationale presented above, both devices were successful in achieving a similar, desired coagulation effect on similar tissue, and both heated tissue at similar rates to a similar peak temperature. It is the conclusion of this Engineering Report that the Polaris Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator (K231872) is substantially equivalent to its predicate, Aura Bipolar Generator (K052203), when operated by the intended user of the device.

### **Waveform Testing**

In accordance with the FDA Guidance on 510(k) Submissions for Electrosurgical Devices for General Surgery, a comparative waveform test was performed between the proposed device and the predicate (Engineering Report E071123-1).

Test Scope: The evaluation and testing were performed on one production Aura 70W Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator, model number 28-2600, assembled using standard manufacturing procedures and one production Polaris Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator model number 29-1000, assembled using standard manufacturing procedures. Both systems were set to a 20-Watt output with a  $100\Omega$  load to establish frequency and voltage RMS differences.

Test Results: Capturing the absolute values from a sine wave of an RF generator may produce a 10% variation in value depending on how long the signal is maintained and where in the cycle the data was extrapolated. The values presented in report E071123-1 were obtained as an average of the signal over a 3 second time period.

Test Conclusion: Although the values are slightly different, the outputs are well within the 20% output variation between like systems. Based on the results presented in report E071123-1, Kirwan Surgical

Products LLC determines that the output waveform of the Polaris Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator is substantially equivalent to the waveform produced by the predicate Aura 70W Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator, when they are operated with similar output settings.

### **Electrical Safety & Electromagnetic Compatibility Tests**

Electrical safety and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) Electrical safety and EMC testing were conducted on the Polaris™ Bipolar Generator System, consisting of the main Polaris™ Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator, Dual Footswitch, Polaris™ Irrigation Module, and Polaris™ Light Source Module.

The system has passed the following tests and complies with the associated standards;

- Electrostatic Discharge Test (IEC 60601-1-2)
- Radiated Immunity Test (IEC 61000-4-3)
- Electrical Fast Transient/Burst Test (IEC 61000-4-4)
- Surge Test (IEC 61000-4-5)
- Conducted Immunity Test (IEC 61000-4-6)
- Power Frequency Magnetic Field Test (IEC 61000-4-8)
- Voltage Dips & Interruptions Test (IEC 60601-1-2)
- Radiated Emissions Test (CISPR 11 & FCC CFR 47, Part 15, subpart B:2017)
- Conducted Emissions Test (CISPR 11 & FCC CFR 47, Part 15, subpart B:2017)
- Harmonic & Flicker Test (IEC 61000-3-2 & IEC 61000-3-3)
- Exposure to Radio Frequency Identification Readers Test (AIM 7351731)
- Immunity to Known Sources of EMI Test (FDA Guidance – Immunity to exposure to known sources of EMI)

Electrical Safety Testing Clause by Clause Compliance to IEC 60601-1, IEC 60601-1-6, IEC 60601-2-2, and IEC 62471

### **Software Verification & Validation testing**

Software Verification and Validation Testing Software verification and validation testing were conducted and documentation was provided as recommended by FDA's Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff, "Guidance for the Content of Premarket Submissions for Software Contained in Medical Devices." The software for this device was considered as a "major" level of concern, since a failure or latent flaw in the software could directly result in serious injury or death to the patient or operator. All software verification & validation activities are outlined in the Kirwan Polaris Software Development Plan (document number 100-00068-004).

### **Human Factors Testing**

The purpose of the Polaris™ Bipolar Generator System Human Factors testing was to Evaluate if the User Interface enables all User Profiles to safely operate the Polaris System. Evaluate if the User Interface enables all User Profiles to effectively and efficiently operate the Polaris System. Identify and document any Abnormal Use's, unknown Use Errors, and difficult to complete tasks. Determine roots causes for all Use Errors and evaluate their Risk acceptability. The User Interface for the Polaris System was designed to be intuitive enough for a User to be able to setup and operate the system without need for KSP training or in-service of any kind.

The first user profile was to be populated by Surgeons & Surgical Physician Assistants, and the second was to be populated by Perioperative Nurses and Biomedical Equipment Technicians.

27 Tasks that were identified as functions necessary for a User to perform to effectively use all the capabilities of the Polaris System. All Users were able to fulfill these functions during testing. The few Users who did not score perfect on the final test were due to misunderstanding of the test instructions or due to other circumstances outside their control. There were no noted issues of user error during any of the final testing.

19 Critical Tasks that were identified to safely operate the Polaris system and avoid Hazardous situations with a Severity level of 3 or higher (a situation that can result in injury that require medical intervention or worse). All Users were able to perform the Critical Tasks, and there were no recorded instances of Use Error or Abnormal Use that would result in a Hazardous Situation with a severity level of 3.

In conclusion, users whose background is consistent with either of the utilized User Profiles will be able to operate the Polaris safely, effectively, and without the need for formal training.

## **I. Conclusion**

Based upon successful results of testing and responses to questions posed within FDA's 510(k) Decision-Making Tree, the proposed device is determined to be substantially equivalent to the identified predicate device. Although there are some minor differences between the proposed Polaris Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator System and the predicate Aura 70W Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator, these differences do not raise new or different questions of safety and efficacy.